

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-25 (canceled).

Claims 26-48 (canceled).

Claim 49 (new): A method of messaging using visual image data in a wireless image communication system, the method comprising:

- receiving a message associated with a call from a calling party to a specified called party having a wireless portable communication device adapted to receive caller identifying information, the message including visual image data;
- storing the message in a memory; and
- forwarding the message to the wireless portable communication device along with a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 50 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein the visual image data includes at least one of:

- iconographic image data;
- logo image data;
- photographic image data;
- video image data;
- facsimile image data;
- image data representative of the calling party; and
- other graphic image data.

Claim 51 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein the message is a video telephone message, and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.

Claim 52 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein the message is received between ring signals.

Claim 53 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein the visual image data is provided by the calling party.

Claim 54 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein the visual image data is provided automatically by a telephone network.

Claim 55 (new): A method according to claim 49, further comprising at least one of:
compressing the message prior to storage in the memory; and
compressing the message prior to forwarding the message.

Claim 56 (new): A method according to claim 49, further comprising:
receiving caller identifying data associated with the message.

Claim 57 (new): A method according to claim 56, wherein forwarding the message comprises:
forwarding the message based on the caller identifying data.

Claim 58 (new): A method according to claim 49, wherein forwarding the message comprises:
encrypting the message to form an encrypted message; and
forwarding the encrypted message to the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 59 (new): Apparatus for messaging using visual image data in a wireless image communication system, the apparatus comprising:

a receiver operably coupled to receive a message associated with a call from a calling party to a specified called party having a wireless portable communication device adapted to receive caller identifying information, the message including visual image data;

a memory; and

a controller operably coupled to store the message in the memory and forward the message to the wireless portable communication device along with a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 60 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the visual image data includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;

facsimile image data;

image data representative of the calling party; and

other graphic image data.

Claim 61 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the message is a video telephone message, and wherein the visual image data includes video image data.

Claim 62 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the message is received between ring signals.

Claim 63 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the visual image data is provided by the calling party.

Claim 64 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the visual image data is provided automatically by a telephone network.

Claim 65 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the controller is operably coupled to compress the message prior to at least one of (a) storing the message in the memory and (b) forwarding the message.

Claim 66 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the receiver is operably coupled to receive caller identifying data associated with the message.

Claim 67 (new): Apparatus according to claim 66, wherein the controller is operably coupled to forward the message based on the caller identifying data.

Claim 68 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the controller is operably coupled to encrypt the message prior to forwarding the message.

Claim 69 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the receiver includes a telephone receiver.

Claim 70 (new): Apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the apparatus includes one of:

- a telephone answering device;
- a video telephone answering device;
- a personal computer device;
- a facsimile device;
- a voice messaging device; and
- a video messaging device.

Claim 71 (new): A wireless image communication system comprising:
a wireless communication network; and
a message center device, operably coupled to the wireless communication network, for receiving a message associated with a call from a calling party to a specified called party having a wireless portable communication device adapted to receive caller identifying information, storing the message in a memory, and subsequently forwarding

the message to the wireless portable communication device over the wireless communication network along with a unique identifier associated with the wireless communication device, wherein the message includes visual image data.

Claim 72 (new): A wireless image communication system according to claim 71, wherein the visual image data includes at least one of:

- iconographic image data;
- logo image data;
- photographic image data;
- video image data;
- facsimile image data;
- image data representative of the calling party; and
- other graphic image data.

Claim 73 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message is a video telephone message, and wherein the visual image data includes video data.

Claim 74 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message is received between ring signals.

Claim 75 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the visual image data is provided by the calling party.

Claim 76 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the visual image data is provided automatically by a telephone network.

Claim 77 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message center device is operable to compress the message prior to at least one of (a) storing the message in the memory and (b) forwarding the message.

Claim 78 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message center device is operable to receive caller identifying data associated with the message.

Claim 79 (new): A communication system according to claim 78, wherein the message center device is operable to forward the message based on the caller identifying data.

Claim 80 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message center device is operable to encrypt the message prior to forwarding the message.

Claim 81 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the wireless communication network comprises at least one of:

- a paging system;
- a cellular telephone system; and
- a radio telephone system.

Claim 82 (new): A communication system according to claim 71, wherein the message center device includes one of:

- a telephone answering device;
- a video telephone answering device;
- a personal computer device;
- a facsimile device;
- a voice messaging device; and
- a video messaging device.

Claim 83 (new): A method of messaging using visual image data in a wireless image communication system, the method comprising:

receiving a message associated with a call from a calling party to a specified called party having a wireless portable communication device adapted to receive caller

identifying information, the message including visual image data representative of the calling party;

storing the message in a memory; and

forwarding the message to the wireless portable communication device along with a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 84 (new): A method according to claim 83, wherein the visual image data includes at least one of:

photographic image data; and

video image data.

Claim 85 (new): A method according to claim 83, wherein the visual image data is provided by the calling party.

Claim 86 (new): A method according to claim 83, wherein the visual image data is provided automatically by a telephone network.

Claim 87 (new): A method of messaging using visual image data in a wireless image communication system, the method comprising:

receiving a message associated with a call from a calling party to a specified called party having a wireless portable communication device adapted to receive caller identifying information, the message including graphic image data;

storing the message in a memory; and

forwarding the message to the wireless portable communication device along with a unique identifier associated with the wireless portable communication device.

Claim 88 (new): A method according to claim 87, wherein the graphic image data includes at least one of:

iconographic image data;

logo image data;

photographic image data;

video image data;
facsimile image data;
other graphic image data.

Claim 89 (new): A method according to claim 87, wherein the visual image data is provided by the calling party.

Claim 90 (new): A method according to claim 87, wherein the visual image data is provided automatically by a telephone network.